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Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD unveils commemoration plaque at official opening of the Regimental Museum at Calgary on 13 May 1954.

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Foreword . . .

by

MAJOR GENERAL C. VOKES, CB, CBE, DSO, CD

General Officer Commanding Western Command
and former

Regimental Commander



This year 1954 marks the fortieth anniversary of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. During the forty years of its life, battalions of the Regiment have fought with great distinction in both World Wars I and II and in Korea. In all, nearly nine years have been spent in combat with the enemy on foreign battlefields.

Thousands upon thousands of Canadians have served in the Regiment. Anywhere you go in Canada you will find men in all walks of life who are honoured to claim PPCLI as their Regiment.

Today the Regiment consists of The Regimental Depot and the First Battalion stationed at Currie Barracks in Calgary, the Second Battalion serving in Germany and a Militia battalion, the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (3rd Bn, PPCLI), located at Edmonton, Alberta. This latter unit has only recently become affiliated with PPCLI and it is a welcome addition of which the Regiment can be proud.

The Regimental Depot is the heart of the Regiment. Here recruits receive their initial introduction to, and training in, the Regiment. It is the repository of regimental treasures, many of which are held in the Regimental Museum. I might say in passing that this museum is one of the finest of its kind in the Canadian Army.

On 1 October 1954, I had the honour to be the reviewing officer at the Trooping of its Regimental Colour by the First Battalion at Currie Barracks. I can say without fear of contradiction that the standard of drill and the bearing and discipline of all ranks who participated in this ceremonial were of the highest order and in the best traditions of the Regiment.

On 9 October 1954, the Second Battalion in Germany trooped its Regimental Colour. From all accounts the quality of their drill, bearing and discipline were equally superb.

I am confident from what I have seen of its presently serving members that the honours and traditions of Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry are in safe hands.

REGIMENTAL NOTES

FREZENBERG

8 MAY 1915

On 8 May 1954, the anniversary of the battle of FREZENBERG was commemorated in the City of Calgary. First battalion with their colours and drums, the Depot and the regimental band marched from Mewata Stadium to the cenotaph under command of Lt Col J R Cameron, OBE, commanding officer 1 Battalion.

At the cenotaph, by means of a simple military ceremony including the laying of a wreath in memory of our fallen comrades, the Regiment paid homage to the gallant officers and men who fought and died in battle during World War I; Sicily; Italy; North West Europe during World War II; and in Korea.

"And they guard for themselves and their scattered comrades a war-worn colour, laurel crowned symbol of honour and victory, of a tradition that shall not perish, of great days and great deeds."

Following the ceremony at the cenotaph, the "salute" was taken by Colonel M Dutton (who served in World War I) as the officers and men of the Regiment, at the home station, marched past to the stirring air of the Regimental March.

Message from the Colonel-in-Chief, "My salutations to all ranks on Frezenberg anniversary thanks for kind greetings."

MUSKETRY

To encourage "skill at arms", the Regiment, as in previous years, sponsors the following trophies:

PPCLI SERVICE TROPHY

Presented to the British Columbia Rifle Association for annual competition by "B" Company, PPCLI prior to World War II, when stationed at Work Point Barracks, Esquimalt, B.C.

This trophy is for a Rifle Section Competition, open to all units of the Canadian Army Militia.

Teams consist of five firers who advance at the double from 300 to 200 yards, load and fire five rounds per man at five iron falling plates 12 in. X 12 in. Time limit - one minute. The winning team is presented with a replica of the trophy in miniature.

THE LADY PATRICIA CHALLENGE TROPHY

Presented to the Alberta Provincial Rifle Association for annual competition by the officers and men of the Regiment in honour of the Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay.

An individual snap shooting competition fired at 300 yards. 5 six second exposures of a 22 inch snap-shooting target with 12 inch circle. Ten rounds - two shots at each exposure.

Medals and cash prizes are presented to winners each year.

PPCLI LADIES AUXILIARY

The Regiment wishes to thank Major E M K MacGregor, MC for his recent assistance to the Ladies Auxiliary when he arranged the procurement and shipping of an oil painting in London, England. This painting "Recollections of the Bow Valley" by Lady Patricia Ramsay was presented to the Regimental Officers' Mess on 1 October 1954 by PPCLI Ladies Auxiliary.

The Ladies Auxiliary also presented two silver candelabra to the Regimental Sergeants' Mess.

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

Several attempts have been made during the short history of the Regiment to display the many items of historic and regimental value which have been acquired since 1914.

The writer recalls the Commanding Officer's "room" at the headquarters of the Regiment in Winnipeg where, more than twenty years ago, the recruit was shown the Original Colour, Jim Christie's sniper-rifle and other treasures.

In April, 1950 the regimental intelligence officer, Lt D R Brochu (now Captain) was the author of operation OLD CLIPPINGS. The object of this exercise was to put the regimental museum in a state of readiness.

During the Korean Campaign the regimental museum was relegated to a basement storage room. However, it is due to the interest and work of the regimental officers and men who have had a hand in this project, through the years, that so much of value remains today.

On formation of the Regimental Depot — 1 June 1953 - plans were immediately made to establish the museum on a firm and permanent basis under the curatorship of the commanding officer. Suitable accommodation was the initial requirement.

In February 1954, with the co-operation of the commanding officer 1 Battalion, a large room in a permanent building was made available. This location for the museum was described in detail in the March issue of the journal.

The Regimental Sergeant Major of the Depot, WO1 O Gardner, CD, set to work with a will. Financial assistance was provided by the regiment. With the assistance of Sergeant Cummings the work had advanced to such a stage that it was felt appropriate to ask the GOC to perform the official opening in conjunction with the annual inspection of the Depot.

On 13 May 1954 therefore, the regimental museum was officially opened by Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD, General Officer Commanding, Western Command and former commanding officer of the regiment.

In addition to the regular visits of

recruit squads, as part of their training, the museum has had many distinguished visitors since the official opening date:

The Honorable Mr. Ralph Campney
Minister of National Defence
Major General Cotterill Hill
DMT, The War Office
Brigadier G Walsh, CBE, DSO, CD
DGMT, Army Headquarters
Brigadier M P Bogert, CBE, DSO, CD
"D" Manning, Army Headquarters
Lt Col N G Wilson Smith, DSO, MBE
GSO 1, 1 Canadian Division
Colonel D C Cameron, DSO, ED
D Inf Army Headquarters
Brigadier W G Colquhoun, CBE, MC
Chairman, The Association
Brigadier G Kitching, CBE, DSO, CD
Commanding 2 CIB

THE REGIMENT GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS TO THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

FIRST BATTALION

- (a) Rifle (Enfield 1858) won by "B" Company in Brigade competition - WAINWRIGHT - 1954.
- (b) Set of photographs — Trooping the Colour — 1 Oct 54.

REGIMENTAL OFFICERS' MESS

- (a) Set of portraits of former Commanding Officers.
- (b) Silver snuff box made from the hoof of "SANDY" — Brigadier A Hamilton-Gault's charger — 1914-1918.

REGIMENTAL SERGEANTS' MESS

- (a) "Grandfather" clock — Presented to the mess in 1919.
- (b) Inlaid table — Presented to the mess in 1919.

SECOND BATTALION

Document "FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF CALGARY" Signed by the Mayor and dated April 1952.

THIRD BATTALION

- (a) Temple bell - Korea.
- (b) Canteen sign used by the unit in Korea.
- (c) Regimental pennant of the "BLACK WATCH (RH)". The pennant was presented to the

battalion when serving with the Black Watch on the "HOOK" in Korea.

PPCLI ASSOCIATION (TORONTO BRANCH)

Painting showing the snipers of the Regiment in action at the "MOUND" January 1915.

PPCLI LADIES' AUXILIARY

- (a) A pair of inscribed book ends.
- (b) An inscribed pen set.
- (c) 5 forms for uniform display.

MRS. R. F. L. KELLER

Service uniforms, etc., of the late Major Gen. R. F. L. KELLER, CBE, PPCLI.

MRS. F. L. SHOULDICE

Framed and inscribed picture of the Regiment at the battle of "FREZENBERG" - 8 May 1915.

MRS. J. A. DALTON

An original painting by H.R.H. PRINCESS PATRICIA OF CONNAUGHT, Signed and dated 1914.

BRIGADIER W. G. COLQUHOUN, CBE, MC, PPCLI

- (a) "ROSS" rifle — Issued to the Regiment in August 1914 and marked PPCLI No. 1691.
- (b) Maps, panorama sketches and photographs of the western front during World War I.

COLONEL M DeROME, OBE, CD

Cap badge and shoulder insignia R 22e R.

LIEUTENANT COLONEL N G WILSON-SMITH, DSO, MBE, CD, PPCLI

Cap Badges — "The RCR".

MAJOR A V ROBBINS, PPCLI

- (a) Uniforms — "MESS DRESS" RMC - 1939.
- (b) Headdress - "CEREMONIAL" and "WINTER" RMC - 1939.
- (c) Foreign and other currency of the type used by the Regiment 1939-1953.

MAJOR J HART, PPCLI

- (a) Waistbelt - "CEREMONIAL" RMC - 1939.
- (b) Leggings - "CEREMONIAL" RMC - 1939.

MAJOR H G MUNRO, PPCLI

- (a) Decoration "DISTINGUISHED SERVICE ORDER".
- (b) Medals - "1914-15 STAR", "VICTORY MEDAL" (All awards to the late Lieutenant Colonel W A MUNRO for his service in World War I).
- (c) Forage cap - Regimental - officers pattern 1940-1945.

(d) Escape map and collar stud compass issued to assault coys of the Regiment prior to the invasion of Sicily.

- (e) Name plate as used by "A" Coy 1930-39.
- (f) Permanent pass as used by "A" Coy 1920-39.
- (g) Nominal roll - "C" Coy - Italy 1944.
- (h) Photographs - "A" Coy prior to 1939. The Regiment 1940.

MAJOR E D McPHAIL, CD, PPCLI

- (a) Text book "BRITISH AND FOREIGN SMALL ARMS".
- (b) Photographs — THIRD BATTALION.

LIEUTENANT J R McLEAN, PPCLI

- (a) Chinese battle flag taken by 2 Bn in Korea.
- (b) Propaganda leaflets and safe conduct passes used by the Chinese in Korea.
- (c) Two bayonets - BRITISH - early 19th century.
- (d) Cap badges - Australian Military Forces.

LIEUTENANT C B SNIDER, MC, PPCLI.

Regimental badge carved from the chalk at VIMY RIDGE - April 1917. (The badge was carved by Pte W D MacKENZIE who was killed in action at MONCHY 1917).

LIEUTENANT D MUNRO, RCE (FORMERLY PPCLI)

German officers' map case - contains maps of Sicily and Italy.

B/WOI A McCOLLOCH, PPCLI

Balmoral "BLACK WATCH R.H.".

B/SGT F A PRICE, PPCLI

- (a) Cap badges of the "RIFLE BRIGADE" the "BORDER REGIMENT" etc.
- (b) Ration Book (UK) World War II.

B/SGT M R CHURCH, PPCLI

Six wooden plaques. (Used for mounting of cap badges).

B/CPL G A DAVIDSON, PPCLI

Cap badge - "BLACK WATCH R.H.".

SGT K R TINNEY, Att. PPCLI

Bayonet - Enfield 1858.

CPL S J KEEPING, PPCLI

Foreign coins and currency.

CPL R HAYES, PPCLI

Cap badges of the "KINGS' SHROPSHIRE LIGHT INFANTRY" and the "ARGYLE AND SUTHERLAND HIGHLANDERS".

S/SGT M GODIN, QOR of C
Cap badge of the "R 22e R"

SGT W WELLINGTON, C PRO C
Service headdress "AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES."

MAJOR W MURSTON - VANCOUVER

- (a) German message cannister (Dog). (The cannister contains the message it held when taken on the Western front in 1918).
- (b) German snipers' mask - World War I.
- (c) German gas respirator and cannister - World War I.
- (d) Various German grenades, World War I.
- (e) Maps, Western Front - World War I.
- (f) Training, etc. manuals - World War I.

CAPTAIN F BLISS - VICTORIA

Autographed programme. Presentation of
Regimental colours, WINNIPEG - April
1934.

MAJOR A MAW - CALGARY

Cheque - \$25.00.

MR. W. McCULLOUGH - CALGARY

- (a) German "WALTHER" service pistol.
- (b) German bayonet.
- (c) "STEVENS" - 22 rifle.
- (d) Two specially made pistols (French). (The rifle and pistols were used by the French underground forces during the German occupation 1940-1945).



DND Photo

INVESTITURE AT VANCOUVER
18 MAY 1954

Photograph shows members of the Regiment present at the investiture in Vancouver. His Excellency the Right Honourable Vincent Massey, Governor General, presented honours and awards to 31 members of the three services. Left to right: Corporal P C Thompson, MM, 1 Battalion; S/Sergeant V D Cole, MM, 3 Battalion; Lt C B Snider, MC, The Depot; Major R F Bruce, MBE, 1 Battalion; S/Sgt K G Tutte, BEM, I & A Cadre; Sgt J G Dunbar, MM, 3 Battalion; Pte W R Mitchell, DCM, 1 Battalion.

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MR. R. C. THOMAS - ST. JOHN, N.B.

The Regimental cap badge issued to Pte L SCOTT in August 1914. (PTE SCOTT was later RSM and Lieutenant).

MR. G. RAYMOND - TORONTO

The Regimental cap badge issued to Pte J PHILPOTT in August 1914. (Pte PHILPOTT was killed in action at "FREZENBERG" 8 May 1915).

MR. W. P. SEWELL - VANCOUVER

A "PATRICIA" dollar bill - Issued 17 March 1917.

BRIGADIER A HAMILTON GAULT, DSO, ED, PPCLI

His saddle, used during World War I.

CSM E O ROBERTS, PPCLI

- (a) PPCLI Quarterly Review - April 1924.
- (b) The Patrician - August-November, 1938.
- (c) Christmas cards "B" Coy (pre 1939).
- (d) Permanent pass - "B" Coy 1920-1939.

SGT R J SHINE, PPCLI

Bayonet - 07 pattern.

LIEUTENANT G A SKELLY, PPCLI

"Owen" machine carbine.

CSM D McDONNELL, PPCLI

German "S.S." Divisional flag. (The flag was taken at Barneveld, Holland in April 1945.)

SERGEANT MAJOR A BLACK - EDMONTON

Original cap badge (1914) 49th Battalion.

MRS. R. K. SWINTON - CALGARY

Two German Nazi dirks (S.S. and Naval) The dirks were taken in North West Europe by the late Captain R K Swinton, MC, PPCLI.

THANKS TO THE QUEENS

The Regiment wishes to thank the pioneers of 1st Battalion, The QUEEN'S OWN RIFLES OF CANADA who assisted in the museum when the 1st Battalion, PPCLI pioneers were unavailable due to rehearsals for the "TROOPING THE COLOUR" ceremony.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY

As announced in the last issue of the journal details of the publication of Volume 3 of the Regimental History are here presented.

The historian has spent September

and October visiting the battlefields in Sicily, Italy and North West Europe. The collection of material proceeds and the book is being written in manuscript form. Until this has been completed the cost of printing cannot be determined nor can the sales price of the book be established. Any estimate made now of the cost of printing might be useless in six months' time because of rising prices.

The Regiment has already paid the author's fee for the production of Volume 3 in manuscript form and cannot undertake further expenses. The Historical Committee is now faced with the problem of underwriting publication of Volume 3. To raise the required funds a selling programme is necessary.

To start the programme the readers of the Patrician are being offered the first one hundred copies of the publication. These will be numbered consecutively from one to one hundred and will be autographed by the author. Readers who are in a financial position to do so are asked to subscribe \$25.00 per copy. Copies 1 - 100 will be reserved consecutively as subscriptions are received. On receipt of contributions a special fund will be set up known as PPCLI Regimental History Fund. All contributions will be made payable to this fund and official receipts will be issued.

Readers who are not in a position to accept the above offer are requested to contribute within their means. All contributors of course will receive a copy of this publication. The foregoing does not imply that a contribution is necessary in order to obtain a copy of Volume 3. In order to determine the number of copies required, all readers are asked to complete the order form enclosed.

The Regimental History fund when set up will be initially used to further advertise the sale of our history through the medium of national newspapers.



IN MEMORIAM

Late

Regimental Sergeant Major T J Turnbull

It is with deepest sorrow that the Regiment records the death on 4 November 1954 in Winnipeg of RSM T J Turnbull.

Loved and respected by all, he will never be forgotten in the Regiment.

REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR T J TURNBULL

RSM Turnbull was born in 1871 and enlisted in the Argyle and Sutherland Highlanders as a boy in 1886.

He served as both piper and bandsman with the 93rd and after a tour of duty in India was selected to attend the course for bandmasters at famed Kneller Hall. Whilst he was en route to the Hall the South African war broke out and rather than remain there for the three year course he elected to return to his regiment and proceeded with it to South Africa as a duty NCO.

Seriously wounded at the battle of the Modder River he was posted to the home establishment and transferred to the band of the Scots Guards.

In 1902 he qualified as a drum major and was appointed as such to the Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers. His service with this famous regiment included a tour in Egypt and the period of hostilities 1914-1918.

RSM Turnbull was promoted to the rank of WO1 in 1914. He retired to pension in 1920 having completed 34 years of service in the Imperial Army.

Early in 1921 he came to Canada in connection with the post war organization of the Permanent Force and in the same year was appointed as RSM, PPCLI.

His career in the Canadian Army is a matter of legend. Much of the fine reputation established by the Regiment during the years between the wars was attributable to "T. J." His vast knowledge of procedures and customs of the service, his bearing and awe inspiring figure were unparalleled in the West.

Strict to the last degree, there never was a RSM more fatherly to recruits or more helpful to young NCOs.

He retired to pension in August 1934 after a period totalling 47 continuous years in uniform. Great soldier

and perfect gentleman, the mark he left in the Regiment is indelible.

RSM Turnbull died on 4 November 1954 and was buried with full military honours in the "Field of Honour" Brookside cemetery, Winnipeg.

The Regiment was represented at his funeral by Major H G Munro and RSM O Gardner both of whom had served under him.

A TRIBUTE TO A FINE SOLDIER

the late Major General R F L Keller, CBE

Dear Major Munro,

Very many thanks for your letter of 18th October and your perseverance to carry out Mrs. R. F. L. Keller's wish to acknowledge a small tribute from the ex-officers of 3 Canadian Infantry Division and 2 Canadian Armoured Brigade residing in this part of Ontario.

As members of a unified force created and led into battle by a rugged G O C and former Commanding Officer of your gallant regiment we find that the war and the subsequent passage of time has little effect on the common bond that was created and now holds us together. Simultaneously each year on June 6th, we meet in Toronto, Montreal, in the Maritimes and elsewhere in Canada as ex-members of this unified force. Something quite unique in the Canadian Army.

This bond and experience is a tribute to the character and leadership of a former Commanding Officer of yours and a magnificent G O C to us. We are grateful to you for your letter informing us of the last parade of our G O C.

Yours very sincerely,

(JOHN A D. CRAIG) Lt Col
(retired)

DAQMG and T/AA & QMG
3 Cdn Inf Div

FIRST BATTALION REPORT

It has been an eventful and at times hectic half year since the last issue of the Patrician was put to bed. Much has happened which is memorable and deserves recounting within these pages. Much else of importance has passed from memory or because of space limitations cannot be recorded here. Only the highlights are described in other than cursory fashion.

No mention can be made of certain of our activities in the interests of National security. We hope therefore that our readers will bear with us if no mention is made of our airborne activities.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

August —, 1954 marked the 40th anniversary of PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY and regrettably this important anniversary seems to have gone unnoticed. It seems strange indeed that such an occasion should be permitted to slip away unmarked by ceremony or celebration.

In her four decades the proud Regiment in which we serve has compiled an auspicious record of which it can truly be said that it is second to none. Pause for a moment and regard these few jewels plucked at random from the Regimental diadem.

- First Canadian Regiment into action World War I.
- The Canadian Regiment longest in action in World War I.
- Selected from among a host of distinguished Regiments to form part of Canada's Permanent Force after World War I.
- With Canada's Vanguard in 1939.
- Into Sicily as a unit of the assault element of 1 Canadian Division and thereafter continuously engaged in Italy and North West Europe until "VE" Day.
- Selected for service in the Pacific as a unit of Canada's Pacific Force.

- First of Canada's peace time airborne Regiments.
- First Canadian Regiment to serve in the Far East during the Korean Incident.
- The Regiment longest in action in Korea.
- First Canadian Regiment to be awarded the United States of America Presidential citation.
- The Canadian Regiment which has served longest in action against Canada's enemies since 1914.

The foregoing are only a few of the salient historical facts to which we can point with pride. There are more subtle and intangible indications of excellence which cannot be enumerated here. It is axiomatic that individuals who are honoured to serve the Queen under our Colour lead in matters of professional competence — PATRICIA'S invariably come first! Our sub-units prove better when pitted against the equivalents of our sister Regiments i.e. note the results of Ex "TRIAL" reported in our Wainwright account. Ours is a proud heritage. Let us not soon forget it.

TRIVIA

The Battalion has acquired a mascot. Appropriately it is a dog. His name is "MIKE".

"MIKE" is a large dog. His lineage is obscure but it is apparent that a majority of his ancestors must have been Old English Sheepdogs. Perhaps my remarks, or aspersions as you will, are not fair to Mike who is not sufficiently intelligent to write a rebuttal (or could it be that he is too intelligent?)

In any event Mike is a kindly soul. His eyes, when apparent, are clear and intelligent (or so the RSM assures me). He is now attending a canine Kindergarten which the RSM says will give him some culture. The instructor might even cultivate in him a love of music—

in which case Mike can take his rightful place with the Drums.

There is absolutely no foundation to the rumour which has it that Mike will attend a Parachutist course. The IO assures me that the rumour originated in the Sergeants' Mess and that although most rumours which originate there have some basis in fact this one has none. He has also assured me that rumours are bad - generally. Mike has no comment.

He is a complacent dog.

SUMMER CONCENTRATION - 1954

by LT W L WATT

On 14 Jun 54 1 Bn PPCLI arrived in Wainwright where the battalion area was selected in the vicinity of Border Lake. On arrival, the troops contrived to make themselves comfortable in an ingenious invention known as a shelter half. After a day of "settling-in" training began in earnest on a sub unit level. All phases of war were exercised until 30 June when, amidst a cloud of Wainwright's well known fly population, the first phase was concluded. Presumably it was a success.

Following the brigade "skill at arms", day the unit moved to the Betty Lake area for the commencement of Phase 2. This period consisted of a series of battalion exercises. A variety of interesting operations were performed among the green rolling hills of the western paradise. Such things as swimming in the Battle River under the guise of a planned river crossing and attempting to follow Centurion tanks cross-country proved very popular. These mysterious "goings-on" lasted until a sunny 12 July. Presumably this phase was also a success.

The final phase of the concentration began on the south side of the Battle River. On the crossing, the Patricias hit their full stride and even the control staff was unable to maintain the pace. The result was that the unit had taken their objectives before the objectives existed. This caused a great deal of concern to the higher echelons but the general opinion was that:

"We are here so what are you going to do about it".

Needless to say many friendships with the control staff were destroyed.

Eventually Phase 3 came to a shuddering halt as the enemy was completely overwhelmed. Preparations began for leaving this summer resort and returning to the trials and tribulations of civilized life in Calgary. On 26 July 1 Battalion again marched through the gates of Currie Barracks to commence the business of garrison life once more.

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For many the highlight of the summer concentration was the Battalion's superb showing on Exercise "TRAIL".

"TRAIL" was designed as a test for sub units of company strength. It consisted of a series of tactical situations which required of the company being tested that it deploy and commit first a section to deal with a snipers nest, then a platoon to take out a section position and lastly a full company attack with supporting arms to deal with a platoon locality. The trial was staged over typical terrain and envisaged an advance by the company being exercised.

All rifle companies participating in the Brigade concentration were exercised. Units represented were 1 RCR, 1 PPCLI and 1 QOR of C.

Final ranking of the participants in order of merit revealed that of the 12 ranked - 1 PPCLI had copped the first 3 positions. Here is a list of the top three:

1st B Coy — Maj E R SHARPE

2nd D Coy — Maj A V ROBBINS CD.

3rd C Coy — Maj C G Short MC CD.

SOCCER

By LT C B SNIDER, MC

The spring of 1954 saw 1 BN PPCLI enter a team in the true game of football. This game, called soccer is played in Calgary by the Calgary and District Football Association. A unique part of this association is that it is composed mainly of national teams. There are the Callies, a Scottish team; CPA Comets, majority English; White Eagles, German; GCV Vickers, also English; Danish Canadians; Dutch Lions and Hungaria.

WO2 Carriere, Sgts Buchan and Debney were the personnel responsible for the excellent comments and praise

which our teams drew. Long before the season had started they enlisted candidates and were practicing on the Garrison Sports Field.

The first three games played by our team put us well up the league ladder with a 2-1 win over Hungaria and then, with a taste of victory, a 3-0 lead over the White Eagles. The next game, also a winner, with a 3-1 victory over Dutch Lions saw us departing to the depths of Wainwright. On our return our leave month saw two games played with two losses. (Was Wainwright that bad?)

At the end of the league season with one more win and two more losses, our team stood fifth out of eight, with White Eagles the League winner.

This is excellent for our first season when one considers the Callies alone have had forty years experience and most of the other team players have come from countries where football is a more played and publicized game.

Give us time . . . !

Here are a few of our players:

Pte Emslie, our star goalie, Sgt Buxton, Ptes Grouette, Hagman, Smith and Pearson, Cpls L H Murphy, Gammon and E Murphy. And thanks as well to additional team members, Spr Weenie, 1 AB TP (RCE); Tpr Brown, LdSH (RC); Rfn Collins, 1 QOR of C; and Cpl Rapping and Pte Stevens, RCAMC.

At the end of the season, an association all star team was chosen with two of our players as members, Sgts Buchan and Debney. Next year with this year's experience behind us the team should be able to go far and long.

See you then.

Editor's Note:

The letter reproduced below was received by the Commanding Officer late in September. It is republished in acknowledgment of the excellent job done by Lt Snider and his scrappy team.

"Dear Sir,

On behalf of the Association, I would like to express our deep appreciation to you for the way in which PPCLI soccer team have conducted themselves through the current season. Their co-operation and sportsmanship have left nothing to be desired.

Special mention must be made of Lt Snider and CSM Carriere for their full co-operation to us, and to Sgts Buchan and Debney for their sportsmanship on the field, whose inspiration must definitely have been felt by the rest of the team.

In closing, I must add, Sir, that it has been a real pleasure to work with PPCLI soccer team.

Yours sincerely,

C. Caunt, Sec.-Treas.,
Calgary and District
Football Assc."

SPORTS

LITTLE LEAGUE BASEBALL

The PATRICIA GIANTS is a team of baseball enthusiasts with an average height of less than five feet and average weight of less than one hundred pounds. This team represents 1 Battalion, PPCLI.

For those who have not yet been introduced to the "Little League" idea, it might be explained that Little League Baseball has as its main object the development of character in pre-teen age youth. Secondary objects are the development of physical coordination and skill and the cultivation of a keen competitive spirit coupled with a high degree of sportsmanship.

The game played is baseball. It is played on a miniature diamond the dimensions of which are appropriate to the physical capabilities of the players. The equipment used is standard equipment in miniature plus a specially designed skull protector which all batters are required to wear when at the

plate. The rules are the same but certain restrictions have been written into the League Constitution to protect the players against "physical exploitation" and to provide boys of different age groups between 9 and 12 with an equal opportunity to play.

Little League Baseball is new to Calgary though well known elsewhere on the continent. When it was first learned at the Battalion that it was planned to organize a local league, the Regiment requested permission to be represented at the organizational meeting. When satisfied that the Patricias could be of service to the youth of Calgary, the Commanding Officer undertook to sponsor a team. Thus the PATRICIA GIANTS came into being.

The Giants played in the National League division of the Calgary organization and while not winning the League Championship, had a splendid year. It is the local consensus that they shall prove of championship calibre next year.

Although the "unit-sponsored" team did not enter the city finals, the Regiment was much in evidence when a champion was declared and feted. A permanent trophy for annual award to the winning team was presented to the League by the Battalion.

The initial presentation was made to the champion Dodgers by Major A V Robbins, acting on behalf of the Commanding Officer. A large crowd was on hand to witness the presentation.

MUSKETRY

By WO2 ROBERTS E O

Shades of the 1930's! Rifle shooting appears to be coming back into its own. Due to such exigencies of the service as World War II, Korea, Para-training, Mobile Striking Force commitments, and all the multitudinous activities of a modern infantry soldier there just didn't seem time for organized competitive rifle shooting, in fact the term "annual

classification" was rapidly becoming obsolescent.

The pendulum is swinging back, however and this year has shown some satisfying results, particularly in straight service shooting.

Annual Classification is back to stay and while the percentage of marksmen in the Regiment may not be as high as in pre-war days it should be pointed out at this time that the standard for marksman has been set high deliberately in order to mark with distinction those acquiring marksman status. The pre-war standard for marksman, you may remember was "an average of inners" and entitled the soldier to wear crossed rifles.

Crossed rifles now denote First Class Shot and "pukka" marksmen wear crossed rifles and crown. Firstly let us look at this year's Annual Classification. No longer is it possible, as in pre-war days to parade the unit "as strong as possible" on a given day, after an intensive period of musketry training where everyone would compete on reasonably equal terms, i.e., same weather conditions. Sub units are now allotted a period in which to classify and dependent on individuals availability (returning from courses, etc.,) classify when the opportunity presents itself.

Thus some individuals classify on a warm spring day, others may fire at zero temperatures. This factor alone precludes an accurate selection of Company or Regimental shot. Nevertheless there were some thirty marksmen and over one hundred First Class Shots.

Secondly at the Wainwright Summer Concentration this summer the Regiment placed second in the "Skill at Arms" competition for 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade and placed first in the rifle competition and first in the Bren competition. This competition embraced small arms, grenades, judging distance, etc.

Thirdly at the Alberta Provincial Rifle meet held at Camp Sarcee 3-8 July 54, the unit for the first time in several years was able to field a strong rifle team (16 members) complete with Parker-Hale sights, telescopes, bullseye juice, etc.

At this meet again our best showing was in straight service shooting, notably:

Armstrong Plate Team Match 1st, 9th.
Birk's Bren Gun Match 1st, 8th, 13th

A. B. Cushing Match 2nd, 14th
 Queen's Own Rifles Match 2nd, 11th
 Unit Rifle Championship of Alberta .. 2nd
 Nordtop-Savage Trophy (standing 300 yds.)
 1st Sgt. Buxton, F. PPCLI.

Carl-Iddiol's Trophy (1000 yds prone) 1st
 Cpl. Kincaid, F. G. PPCLI, (10 consecutive
 "V" Bulls).

Sgt Wilkes, R.G. was the only member to
 make the Ottawa team but now that members
 have mastered the intricacies of the Parker-
 Hale sight we look to more qualifying for Ot-
 tawa next year.

Individual Aggregate Scores

Active Service Aggregate

S/Sgt. Buxton, R.	175
Sgt White, L. A.	175
WOII Roberts, E O	148
Cpl Kincaid, F G	141
Sgt Buxton, F H	135
WO II Green, A C	134
Pte Comeau, F J	134
Sgt Vallance, F J	133
Sgt Gordon, R H	132
Sgt Kisko, N	128
Cpl Hanson K O	116
Sgt Wilkes, R G	115
Sgt Mitchell, D D	115
Sgt Buxton, D W	110
Lt Peacock, R S	98
Major Sharpe, E R	85

Grand Aggregate

Sgt Wilkes	552
Sgt Vallance, F J	543
WO II Green, A C	538
Pte Comeau, F J	536
Sgt White, L A	535
S/Sgt Buxton, R G	531
WO II Roberts, E O	528
Sgt Buxton, D W	524
Cpl Kincaid, F G	523
Sgt Gordon, R H	521
Major Sharpe, E R	507
Sgt Kisko, N	495
Cpl Hanson, K O	460
Sgt Mitchell, D D	452

Fourthly at the Western Command Small
 Arms Competition embracing Rifle, Bren, Sten
 and Pistol the Unit placed as follows:

High Team Aggregate 1st PPCLI

High Rifle Team	1st PPCLI
High Bren Team	2nd PPCLI
High Sten Team	1st PPCLI
High Pistol Team	3rd PPCLI
High Individual Aggregate 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th PPCLI.	

High Individual Aggregates

	Rifle	Bren	Sten	Pistol	Total
PPCLI Sgt Buxton, F	122	171	70	90	453
PPCLI Sgt Wilkes, RG	118	153	75	78	424
PPCLI WO II ROBERTS, E O					
	123	129	67	94	413

In conclusion it is apparent that this year's
 successes have justified the support given to
 rifle shooting and let us hope that interest
 will be maintained.

TROOPING THE COLOUR

The trooping staged at Currie Bar-
 racks on 1 October, 1954 was the
 equal of any previous Trooping per-
 formed by the Regiment. All ranks
 rose magnificently to the occasion to
 ensure its success.

At the outset preparations were be-
 set by adversity. It was not possible
 to allocate personnel to Guards nor to
 commence individual training until 10
 September since until that date an in-
 sufficient number of persons had re-
 turned to duty. Then it was discovered
 that well over half of the men on
 parade had never before participated
 in a trooping. This astonishing state of
 affairs imposed upon the RSM, War-
 rant Officers and NCOs an additional
 burden and required that a greater
 emphasis be placed upon individual
 refresher training.

Then the weather turned incredibly
 foul. Temperatures dropped from the
 balmy 70's to frigid 30's and remained
 at these sub-Arctic levels for well over
 a fortnight. Rehearsals were perform-
 ed in rain, sleet and snow. Two of
 the final three rehearsals had to be
 postponed because of snow and ice
 conditions on the Parade Square.

Rehearsals staged under such con-
 ditions were especially hard upon the

Band who complained of swollen lips, numb fingers, cracked clarinet barrels and ruined reeds.

Almost miraculously, on Trooping Day the weather moderated and the benevolent sun saw fit to smile. The brightening of the weather picture was accepted as an omen of celestial intervention and inspired all to give of their best.

The public and friends of the Regiment, blessed with strong faith that all would be well, turned out in great numbers. It is estimated that 4000 were in attendance.

The ceremony was preceded by a band concert, arranged and conducted by Captain Ray McLeod, and by an introductory address delivered by Major H G Munro.

"Markers" were sounded at 1430 hrs and at 1440 hrs the Escort and Guards marched onto the Square preceded by the Drums. The parade was formed, halted and dressed by the RSM who then handed over to the Adjutant. The Adjutant played his role and in turn handed over to the Commanding Officer. The CO then ordered the officers and warrant officers to their allotted posts — the latter movement done to the traditional strains of "Land of Hope and Glory".

Upon the arrival of Major General C. Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD, General Officer Commanding Western Command, who had kindly consented to review the Battalion on this occasion, the Commanding Officer ordered a General Salute and reported the Parade ready to Troop.

Then began the historic ceremony.

The Band and Drums led by D/M E O Rohac marched from right to left in quick time and from left to right in slow time. The "Drummers Call" was sounded and Major E R Sharpe, Commanding the Escort, changed places with Lt R S Peacock, Subaltern of the Escort. The Escort moved out to receive the Colour to the strains of "British Grenadiers". The Colour was

received by RSM J G Austin, MC, CD, and entrusted to Lt C B Snider, MC. After a general salute the colour was trooped through the ranks. For many men on parade it was their first view of the Colour at close hand.

There followed the march past in slow and quick time and finally the advance in Review order, climaxed by a General Salute.

The Trooping and attendant movements was complete and Lt Col J R Cameron, OBE requested of the Reviewing Officer that he say a few words to the Troops. General Vokes obliged by commending all ranks on the manner in which they had conducted themselves and performed the historic ceremony.

The address over, the Battalion formed three ranks, dressed and marched off.

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Immediately after the parade a reception for the public was held on the Polo Field. It was well attended and proved to be an unexpected success. Much credit is due the Ladies' Auxiliary who undertook to assist at serving and performed this difficult task with great skill.

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During the evening the Officers held the annual Trooping Ball and the men their annual Trooping Dance.

The Men's Dance was held in Harvey Hall at 2100 hrs and was restricted to men and their ladies. Stags were discouraged from attending and were offered solace in the form of a "Stag-Night" at the Wet Canteen. From all accounts the latter was a great success.

The Dance was a quiet affair but much enjoyed by all who attended. A good orchestra was engaged and provided excellent dancing music.

General and Mrs. Vokes together with Lt Col and Mrs. Cameron visited the Dance shortly after 2100 hrs. Several Regimental Officers accompanied by their Ladies were in attendance during the early stages of the evening.

The final event on the Trooping Program was to have been a mass parachute jump on Saturday afternoon at 1400 hrs. Elaborate preparations were made to accommodate a large crowd on the tarmac of RCAF Station, Lincoln Park, from which vantage point an excellent view of the DZ was to be had. Unfortunately, as was the case last year, a stiff wind blew up and forced last minute cancellation of the event.

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An account of the Trooping would not be complete without publication of the names of the officers and warrant officers on parade.

Those on parade were:

Commanding Officer LT COL J R CAMERON, OBE; Adjutant CAPT W B S SUTHERLAND; RSM (WO1) J G AUSTIN, MC, CD; Director of Music CAPT R McLEOD; Bandmaster WO1 A McCULLOCH; Drum Major E O ROHAC.

ESCORT TO THE COLOUR

MAJ E R SHARPE; LT R S PEACOCK; LT C SNIDER, MC; WO2 P A LYNCH, BEM, CD.

NO. 2 GUARD

MAJ C G SHORT, MC, CD; LT G C PILCHER; WO2 E J McMAHON.

NO. 3 GUARD

CAPT A M POTTS; LT G A HOLMES; WO2 F CARRIERE, CD.

NO. 4 GUARD

CAPT W CRAIG; LT N F J VILLIERS; WO2 J G DEVLIN.

NO. 5 GUARD

MAJ W M W WILSON, CD; LT M G DUNCAN; S/SGT F L MACK.

NO. 6 GUARD

MAJ E D McPHAIL, CD; LT J STUTT; WO2 H O LARSEN, MC, CD.

In addition to those named there were many officers and men whose services were of particular value to the Regiment on the occasion, but who must of necessity be nameless. To each and every one of them we offer an apology for a nameless acknowledgment and a special vote of gratitude for a job well done.

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An excellent job was done by the various Committees appointed to undertake certain of the aspects of preparation for the Trooping. Space will not permit a full acknowledgment of their services.

The Major Committees and the Chairman of each were:

Programme Committee - Lt Col J R Cameron
OBE; Invitations Committee - Major C G Short
MC CD; Ceremonial Committee - Captain W B S
Sutherland;

Entertainment Committee: Officers' Mess -
Major E D McPhail CD; Sergeants' Mess - WO2
E J McMahon; Mens' Mess - Major E R Sharpe;
Garden Party - Captain D R Honeymen; Public
Relations - Captain L A Swick; Grounds - Captain
D K MacQuarrie;

Training Demonstration (parachute drop) -
Major W M W Wilson CD.

BOXING

The first post war boxing tournament was held at Currie Barracks on Wednesday, November 3rd, 1954. The Tournament was staged as a preliminary to the Western Command Boxing Tournament to be held at Currie Barracks from the 10th to 19th of November.

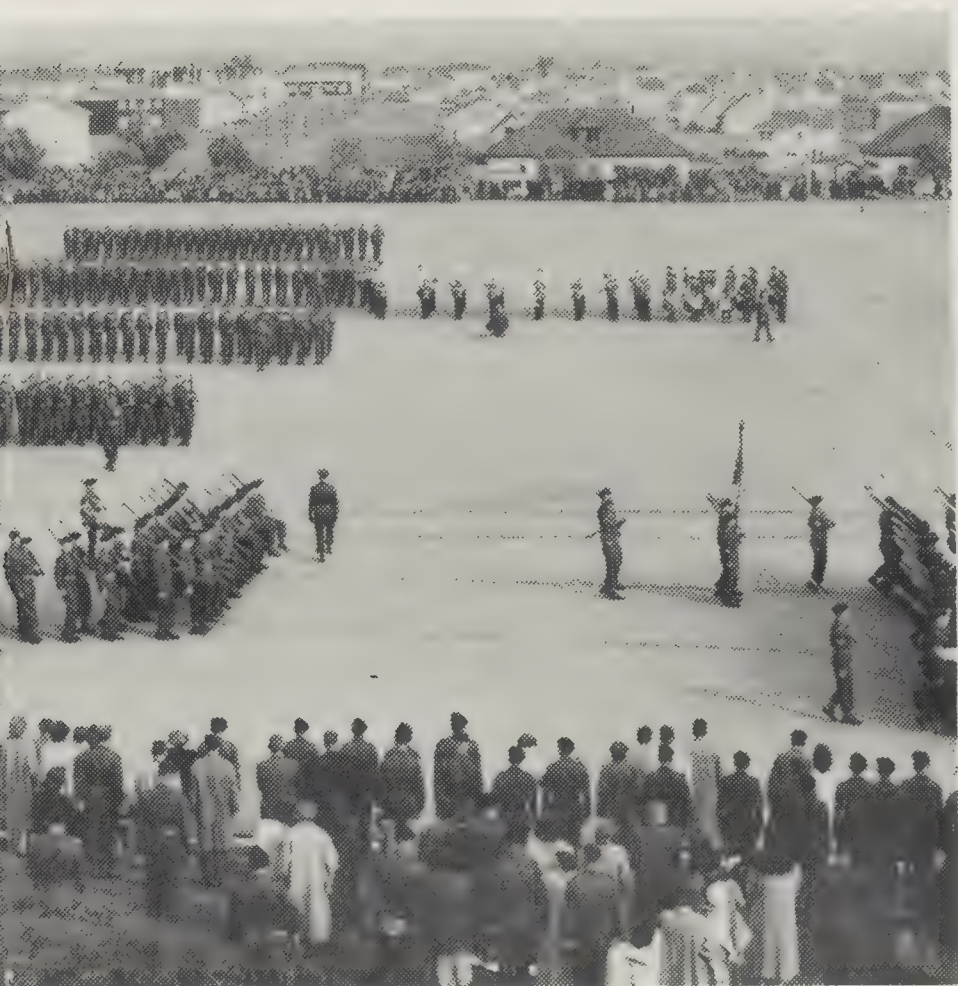
In all, eight action packed bouts were staged with Battalion Novice Champions being declared in Lightweight, Welterweight, Middleweight, Light Heavyweight and Heavyweight classes. Open Champions were decided on both Lightweight and Middleweight divisions. In the remaining weight classifications championships were not contested.

It was a stirring spectacle to see the whole of the Battalion on hand to support the fighters, and a most appropriate acknowledgment of the fine qualities of sportsmanship, courage and skill which all witnessed.

The lead-off bout set the pace, with two of the most energetic novice lightweights competing for the dubious honour of engaging in yet another bout on the same program to declare



1 Battalion march past the reviewing stand in slow time during "Trooping 1954. Major General C Vokes, CB, CBE, DSO, CD is the reviewing officer.



"Passing the Colour" ceremony at the home station, Calgary on 1 October
ficer.

Photo by Calgary Herald

a Novice Lightweight Champion. Pte C Carson of Support Company, who weighed in at 134 lbs., proved to be the winner on a close split verdict, over Pte B C Winters of B Company. Carson, less skilled than his opponent, set the early pace and was a veritable whirling dervish. He threw punches from every conceivable angle, occasionally scoring with a solid smash and by his energy and zeal managing to offset his opponent's superior punching power. Winters recovered in the second round and began to score solidly. By the third round Carson was bleeding profusely from the nose and presented an incredibly bloody sight. However he refused to let up for a minute and in spite of being in trouble in the final round lasted to the bell to win the verdict.

The second bout was a welterweight match pitting Sgt D D Mitchell, Sniper Sgt, against Pte W M Lemieux of HQ Company. Mitchell at 146 lbs. outweighed his opponent by some 18 lbs. and made good use of the weight advantage. He showed superiority in every phase of the fight to win easily.

The middleweight elimination proved to be one of the most interesting bouts of the match. It brought together two "B" Company battlers. Sgt G S Debney at 158 lbs. and Pte R L G Sponchia at 149 lbs. proved to be remarkably well matched. Debney was the harder puncher and appeared to be in superb physical condition. His punches were straight and true and particularly telling at close range. Sponchia gave an excellent account of himself and in the latter stages was giving as good as he got. He proved to be particularly dangerous when hurt and captured the sympathies of of the crowd with his plucky display. Debney deserved full credit for the victory.

The Light Heavyweight battle produced the only technical knock out of the program. Pte E P Handspiker of HQ Coy won over Pte R F LeForte of C Coy when Lt W H Jans stopped the

bout late in the third round. LeForte refused to go down despite a terrific pounding to the head. Previous to the third round he had scored as often as his opponent but the margin of difference was in the power of the blows delivered by Handspiker. LeForte gained much praise despite his defeat.

The Heavyweight division was entirely a "D" Company affair, with Pte H Griesbach, at 185 lbs. meeting Pte S Schiweck at 175 lbs. It was immediately apparent that the heavier boxer had the advantage of style and power over his spirited opponent, who forced the pace at the outset. The two scrappers traded punches at lightweight pace and had the crowd on the edge of their seats. Schiweck took a considerable pounding but in spite of it swarmed after his cool-headed opponent. Twice the referee examined Schiweck to determine whether the fight should be allowed to continue and on both occasions permitted it to resume. Griesbach won easily but it was generally conceded that his opponent had proved to be the most courageous fighter of the afternoon.

The final novice bout brought together Pte Carson, winner of the first bout and Pte Parisian of HQ Coy. Parisian weighed in one pound heavier than Carson who in spite of the previous punishment inflicted on him by Winters, looked fresh. The fight was almost a repetition of the first bout with Carson getting the referee's nod after the three judges had arrived at a draw verdict. Carson was a popular winner.

The two open class eliminations were excellent displays of boxing skill. In the first Pte L Lavallee, a well conditioned 136 lbs. professional from HQ Coy, proved too good for Pte G Mills of B Coy, former Golden Glove boxer and Southern Alberta Lightweight Champion. Lavallee was much the better boxer and won easily. His ring craftsmanship was excellent and adjudged by many to be the best display of the afternoon.

In the middleweight open Sgt G S Schamehorn and Pte D Cameron both of B Coy met for the crown. Schamehorn, a popular professional fighter of wide experience won going away. His powerful punching on the inside overcame the longer reach of his opponent and earned him a well deserved victory. Cameron, a well built fighter of above average ability made it an interesting scrap, before running out of steam in the 5th and final

round.

At the conclusion of the Tournament, prizes were presented to the winners by Maj J R KOENSGEN, MC, commanding in the absence of Lt Col J R CAMERON, OBE.

Judges were Capt W B S SUTHERLAND, WO2 J C DEVLIN and S/Sgt F L MACK. Capt A M POTTS was Master of Ceremonies while Lt P E VIK kept time. S/Sgt R H APPLETON, MM acted as Chief Whip.

SECOND BATTALION REPORT

Editor's Note: 2 battalion is publishing a newspaper in Germany under the editorship of Lt J D Campbell. Extracts from the first issue were published, for the regimental record, in the March issue of the journal. The paper has been named VOX PAT and extracts from the March and July issues are published here for the regimental records.

MESSAGE FROM THE COMMANDING OFFICER

I think it is fitting in this, our fourth issue of the VOX PAT, to comment briefly on our accomplishments in Germany to date, and also to forecast some of our activities in the near future.

Some eight months ago we arrived at Fort Macleod (then unnamed) with a strength of just 500 all ranks. Today our strength is well over 1000 all ranks. Our training has run from operational readiness drills in the Schwerte area, to Putlos in February 54, then to Soltau for one month, then a return engagement in Putlos the last two weeks in June. Through this schedule we have had the Support Company Platoon competitions; and rifle firing by companies at Sennelager. In addition we have conducted one Junior NCO course and four recruits courses, the fourth one still underway. All this has meant a heavy training load on

the unit, but let us examine the result. We are now fully established and trained; fit for war. And that is, and always will be, the aim.

Where do we go from here? Our next intensive training period will be the Brigade concentration at Sennelager from 15 to 29 August. Shortly afterwards we will engage in the Corps manoeuvres "Battle Royal" from 15 to 23 Sep. In these exercises we will be part of a Belgium Corps. Soon we will start a hard schedule of ceremonial drill training to prepare for the "Trooping The Colour" ceremony on 9 Oct 54. This memorable day will bring us nearly full circle on our training cycle. The 1954/1955 winter program will stress individual and specialist training to improve our standards and fit us for any tasks that may lie ahead.

I am well satisfied with our progress and performance to date. We are members of the finest Infantry Battalion in Europe. Let us maintain that modest standard.

FORT MACLEOD

Fort Macleod was established in 1874 by the North West Mounted Police, who marched into the West that year. Its first site was an island in the Old Man's River, some 100 miles south of the present city of Calgary. The fort became the headquarters of the force in 1876. In 1883 the post having become untenable owing to a change in the course of the river, a new fort was established two and a half miles west, where it gave an impetus to the growth of the nearby village of Macleod. Fort Macleod was one of the chief bases from which the Mounted Police carried on their work of enforcing the law and advancing civilization in the Canadian West. It was finally abandoned as a police post in 1933.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

HQ 1 CDN Inf Bde
CDN Army Post Office 5050
8 Mar, 54

Dear Colonel Waters:

On returning to the brigade area from a liaison trip, I was delighted to see Volume I, No. 1 of your battalion newspaper. I know how many obstacles have had to be overcome in giving birth to this paper, and think it is very much to the credit of the battalion that you have accomplished such an excellent result so soon after coming to Germany.

The first issue sets a very high standard, and I shall be grateful if you will extend my congratulations to the editor, the editorial staff, the contributors and all others who have participated in this very worth-while project. The contents of this issue reveal a very active and aggressive battalion, and the fact that you have produced the first paper in the 1st Canadian Infantry Brigade places the Patricias in their usual role in the forefront of new projects.

Congratulations and best wishes for the continued success of the paper.

Yours sincerely,

W. A. B. Anderson.

Lieutenant Colonel S. C. Waters
Commanding Officer
2nd Princess Patricia's Canadian Light
Infantry.

For Newspaper

I hereby submit the following name for the Battalion Newspaper.

The name is derived from a Latin derivation, and its literal translation is intended to mean "Voice of the Patricias". Any resemblance to VOX POP (Voice of the People) is intentional.

To denote our own Battalion, the title is enclosed in a figure 2.

Since the formation of 2 PPCLI, many outsiders have written its short but noble history. Now, through the medium of the Newsletter, it becomes possible for members of the Unit to record for posterity the events from the horse's mouth, as it were.

FOR INFO all subscribers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. HILL, Lieut.

KAPYONG

By L/CPL DAYV

This is a simple story, written in plain words, devoid of all heroics usually associated with such articles. This also is the reason for any member of the battalion to put a little extra swagger in their walk, because the first and only battalion of the Canadian Army to have won the Distinguished Unit Citation granted by the President of the United States of America is the 2nd Battalion Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry. There will be no mention of names connected with deeds of gallantry by individuals; firstly: because to name a few is to leave countless unrecognized; secondly: no man can keep track of five or six hundred others and; lastly: because this deals with a unit, which is every man in a battalion.

Since I have to start somewhere we will first give an explanation of the group the battalion belonged to. It was the 27th British Commonwealth Brigade, composed of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, the Middlesex Regiment, the 3rd Royal Australian Regiment, the 2 Bn Princess Patricia's Canadi-

an Light Infantry, the 16th New Zealand Field Regiment as supporting Artillery, aided by an American 4.2 Mortar company and Company A of the 72nd Heavy Tank Battalion, with in addition, the 60th Indian Field Ambulance.

For about a month we had been advancing up and over rugged, icy hills against scattered resistance and at last stopped on positions known as the Fish Line. After holding these positions for a few days, our battalion was relieved by a battalion of the 6th ROK (Republic of Korea) Division and we headed back for what we thought would be a good long rest in the Kapyong Brigade Rest Area.

For a couple of days everything was as planned and hoped for. Getting cleaned up; seeing a show or two; mysteriously appearing in one of the British Company lines every time they had a brew of tea (or any other kind of brew) and generally relaxing.

On the morning of 23 April, 1951, visions of a long rest started to diminish rapidly as obvious preparations for a move were started. Each man's equipment was checked to see that he had enough ammunition and grenades and the other bare essentials an infantry soldier requires. The communist forces had launched a very strong attack. 6th ROK Division had become split up and were losing their positions rapidly.

At 1900 hours we embussed on trucks and started to move north. The roads and junctions were jammed with retreating South Korean soldiers on foot. Every imaginable type of vehicle was loaded with troops and equipment. At 2000 hours, we debussed and climbed to the positions to be occupied that night.

By 0100 hours 24 April, 1951, we were dug in and put on a fifty percent stand-to (one man in every slit trench on guard).

Meanwhile the Australians to our right front were attacked by heavy forces while they were moving into their positions and during the night had quite a few killed and wounded. At the same time the Argyles, Middlesex, New Zealanders and the American 4.2 Mortar company were forced to withdraw five miles to Brigade Reserve.

During the night everything became rather confused due to the fact that forward elements of the 118 CCF Division had started to infiltrate with the tail end of the retreat-

ing 6th ROK Division who were straggling past our positions.

By 0700 hours 24 April elements of the 118 CCF Division penetrated to the base of the mountain to the rear of battalion HQ and B Company was ordered to move to a hill feature at the rear of the Battalion. This move was carried out under protection of continuous air strikes against the enemy who by this time were quite close. Each man, in addition to his own fighting load (approximately 60 lbs.) carried either three 60 mm Mortar bombs or a 250 pound box of MMG ammunition up an almost vertical hill. When the crest of the hill was reached the Chinese forces were already at the base, so no time was lost in descending to BHQ where water bottles were filled from a small stream and climbing on up to the new positions which were reached about 1400 hours.

All day the enemy were visible and by 1600 hours they could be seen streaming along the tops of nearby hills and down to the assembly areas.

The defensive positions were far from ideal. No barbed wire entanglements; no mine fields; most of the trenches only knee to waist deep due to the hard shaly ground. Morale was high, and the general feeling appeared to be one of tension building up for an all out fight.

At approximately 2100 hours the enemy opened up on B Company with heavy mortar fire which lasted about 15 to 20 minutes. Then under guidance of tracer machine gun bullets 6 platoon was attacked.

This platoon had spotted and reported the enemy forming up for an attack on the Middlesex. 6 platoon was assaulted four times and called on battalion mortars to support them. The company section of MMG plus Brens simulating MMG fire and 5 platoon's small arm fire kept the Chinese from pressing their attack.

The enemy then swung his force around to the east of 6 platoon's hill for an attack on battalion HQ. This attack was stopped cold by the .50 and .30 calibre machine guns of Support company. Incidentally it might be worthwhile to mention at this stage that they were prepared to fire in any direction on a moment's notice.

Earlier, at 2200 hours, the Chinese attacked D company with a very heavy force, 10 and 12 platoons bearing the brunt of the attack. Both platoons had sections overrun but

by withdrawing their sections into a tight perimeter around their platoon headquarters, they managed to hold out. 10 platoon had so many enemy swarming over their positions that they



Photo by The Albertan

The Lady Patricia Ramsay with her equerry Capt R K Swinton MC and Lt Col S C Waters, CO 2 PPCLI, during the Colonel in Chief's visit to Fort Macleod, Germany on 8 - 9 October 1954.

called down their own artillery on their own positions, which inflicted terrific casualties on the enemy and enabled them to hang on.

Here we will pause and review the situation at about 0400 hours, 25 April.

The battalion supply route had been cut by the enemy at 0300 hours, 24 April, and the troops were existing on what they carried in, 3 hours before. B and D companies, by 0300 hours, 25 April, were running out of ammunition and the battalion reserve was almost gone. The 81 MM Mortar platoon was running low, and they had been carrying over 2000 bombs. By dawn 25 April, they had approximately 10 bombs left.

The men were dead tired, as they had almost no sleep or rest for 48 hours, (since 0600 hours 23 April,) and in addition had used up most of their energy climbing steep hills and digging defensive positions. In fact, B company had dug two complete defensive positions in 24 hours.

This was the situation when the Commanding Officer sent the following message to Brigade HQ:

"250400 hours, Battalion surrounded in need of supply. Air supply requested."

At 1030 hours, 25 April, four C119's dropped the supplies.

What a heartening sight that was: to tired, hungry troops who knew they were just about out of ammunition and still surrounded by the enemy. I doubt if any feat performed by the U.S.A. Air Force was ever applauded so sincerely and with such, shall we say, colourful language.

Then came the air evacuation of the seriously wounded, which was completed by 1200 hours. This was done by helicopter using a landing strip perhaps 30 by 75 yards, hemmed in on three sides by steep, valley walls and on the fourth by a high tension wire. The less seriously wounded were taken out by jeeps through scattered Chinese small arms fire.

By now the 5th Calvary Regiment of the 1st Cavalry Division had arrived and by 1100 hours a heavy artillery bombardment, in front of B company's position began. At 1300 hours they put in an attack. By nightfall they

had gained a substantial toehold and the battalion was warned for a withdrawal the next day.

At 1630 hours, 26 April, the battalion was relieved by the 2 Bn 5 RCT, 1st Calvary Division and withdrew unmolested. At 1400 hours the battalion established a defensive position to the right of Seoul and started digging in.

The next morning 28 April, the battalion, along with our American 4.2 Mortar Support Company, moved off to the Youngpyong Rest Area. There everyone had a chance to sleep, eat and wash, and clean up equipment.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

This article was written to explain from a soldier's point of view, the Battle of Kapyong. It has been done as truthfully and as simply as the writer knew how. Perhaps some will say it was under-written, perhaps some will complain that they were left out, but as I stated at the beginning of this article, this dealt not with the individual but with the battalion. Anyone wishing a more detailed account of any particular phase will find many veterans in the battalion. For a more blood-thirsty version, three drinks in any canteen or mess will get you a tale that will leave you shell-shocked.

TROOPING THE COLOUR

PPCLI Becomes the First Canadian Regiment to Troop the Colour on Foreign Soil

On 9 October, 1954, Second Battalion trooped the colour at Fort MacLeod (ISERLOHN, WESTPHALIA - Germany).

The Colonel-in-Chief, Lady Patricia Ramsay, took the salute. Lady Patricia was accompanied by her husband, Admiral the Honourable Sir Alexander R M Ramsay, GCVO, KCB, DSO, RN retired.

General Sir Richard Gale, Commander-in-Chief of the British Army of the Rhine, together with officers of the British, Dutch, French and American forces attended.

A "first hand" detailed report when received from 2 Battalion will be published in the next issue of the journal.

IN MEMORIAM

Late

Captain Robert K Swinton, MC

It is with deepest sorrow that the Regiment records the death on 16 October, 1954 in a motor accident, in Germany, of Captain R K Swinton, MC, whilst serving with 2 Battalion.

Born in Lethbridge on 4 April, 1918, he enlisted in the Seaforths 4 September, 1939 and served throughout World War 2 with that unit. He was commissioned on 5 March 1942 and was awarded the Military Cross for his part in the IJssel River operation on 11 April 1945.

He retired with the rank of Captain on 10 October 1945. Then on formation of the Special Force in 1950, he enlisted as a Captain and served in Korea with 2 PPCLI.

On return from Korea in 1952, he qualified as a parachutist and commanded C Company, 2 Battalion. In May 1953, he crossed the Atlantic and represented Canada in the Coronation Contingent.

All ranks regret the loss of this very fine regimental officer.

DEPOT REPORT

Approached repeatedly by the Editor during the past week as to when the Depot's contribution would be ready, I place my pen to this paper.

Finding a suitable topic always presents a bit of a problem, but there is a subject, that is worthy of any report — Major H G Munro, the Commanding Officer of PPCLI Depot.

As he is a reserved man, it is foreordained that he will object to the appearance of this article. It is also known however that more senior Patricia Officers will happily sanction it and no doubt their decision will prevail.

He is the son of the late Lieutenant Colonel W A Munro, DSO who commanded 8th Battalion, 90th Winnipeg Rifles during World War I. He enlisted as a trooper in the Royal Canadian Dragoons in April 1927 and served with that Regiment until June 1934. Tired of brushing horses' tails, and combing manes, his services were offered and accepted by PPCLI. Posted to A Company, Winnipeg, he

became prominent in athletics and represented the Regiment in boxing, soccer and physical training. He climbed the hierarchical scale to the rank of Company Sergeant Major and proceeded overseas in 1939 as CSM of C company. Commissioned in April 1941, he served in the Sicilian and Italian campaigns. Posted to the School of Infantry in Camp Borden in 1946 he served with 3 PPCLI in 1951 and has held A & T appointments in Winnipeg and Halifax. In September 1952 Major Munro arrived in Calgary to assume the position as Secretary Treasurer of the newly organized Regimental Executive Committee. A committee designed to administer, for the benefit of the Regiment as a whole, all Regimental non-public property and funds.

The position as Secretary Treasurer called for initiative and ingenuity for there had never been a predecessor and the ground was fertile for new ideas. At this time 1 PPCLI was in Korea, 2 PPCLI was the home battalion

and it is the members of this battalion who will recall the Major squeezed in a little corner of the administration building (for space was at a premium) dialectically preparing the way for the return of the First battalion.

With both battalions stationed at Currie Barracks for the first part of 1953, he encouraged diplomatically that the one thing greater than a battalion of PPCLI was the Regiment. Full of Regimental Spirit, his beliefs were emphatic and his decisions always impartial, always for the Regiment.

One of the first jobs was to tabulate, record and to redistribute the Regimental property. This was followed by the task of organizing the Central Fund which took over the control of all monies of each battalion. This demanded the attributes of not only an accountant, but also those of a person well versed in keeping financial records.

Major Munro proved to be more than a good diplomat and financial expert for on 1 June 1953, he was appointed Commanding Officer of PPCLI Depot. With this appointment he not only assumed the responsibilities of a CO, but pursued with measureable success some Regimental undertakings for which we should all be grateful. He has revived the printing of the Regimental Journal, the Patrician and as editor has earned many praises. The third volume of PPCLI History, largely through the efforts of this personage, is now being written by the Regimental Historian, Lieutenant Colonel G R Stevens. This volume will be on the market by the fall of 1955.

The Patricias enjoy a museum. RSM Gardner, the curator, has made it one of the finest through the cooperation and assistance of the Commanding Officer of the Depot. The organization of Christmas parties for dependent children is not an isolated case of his concern for the welfare of a Patrician.

ORDERLY ROOM

The Orderly Room Staff along with some distinguished and pretty civilians is composed of Sgt Penner J R (Orderly Room Sgt) and Cpl Senecal J M L.

What's going on in the Depot Orderly Room? Lots of work, 7 hrs 40 mins a day of it. Then we have the nights to complete the less important details. Are we busy? "Always". If not, all we have to do is sit around

and let Capt Swick see us. ARE WE BUSY? "ALWAYS".

We are waiting for our inter-communication system but in the meantime we hope that our issue of Roller Skates comes in, in order to travel from the Orderly Room to the Adjutant's Office.

Sgt Penner left for his annual leave 12 Oct, Cpl Senecal taking over the precious duty of Orderly Room Sgt — Well??? It will still be here when you come back Sgt — I hope —

Congratulations to Cpl Woods on his promotion to Corporal, Regimental Police.

A PEEQ AT Q

In addition to the issuing of clothing and equipment, we are responsible for the provisioning of barrack and training stores. On top of this, we are also responsible, as part of the "Housekeeping Unit," for all buildings in the Garrison on charge to PPCLI when no battalion of the regiment is present at the Home Station.

It is a general opinion held by most people (outside of "Q") that members of the "Q" staff do no work and are charter members of that organization known as "The Forty Thieves".

This is a downright lie. A perfect example of the conscientious untiring people employed in our domain is Lt. Hutt, our Quartermaster. He has worked so hard in the past year that he lost all his friends and had to get married for companionship. He then spent some time in hospital (still on crutches) because he ruined his knee begging, borrowing and stealing (pardon, I mean scrounging) stores required by the Depot.

It has been rumoured (unjustly) that the "Q" stores are forming their own chapter of "Alcoholics Unanimous" but this is untrue, our members are just so considerate and sociable that they hate to hurt a man's feeling by refusing a drink.

Our demon Adjutant, Capt Swick, has at various times hinted that we spend too much time on our coffee breaks. His opinion is based on the fact that every time he comes near the stores (on the scrounge naturally) he finds us having coffee. He does not realize that we vary our coffee periods to coincide with our work load.

Numerous requests have been made by the Adjutant for an intercom system for the Depot. This would be an unnecessary expense to the taxpayers (God Bless 'Em) because with his fine parade ground voice we can hear him in the basement even though he is on the top floor.

We sometimes feel that we are not liked or appreciated because the only time anyone speaks to us in a friendly manner is when they are completing a period of engagement and want their clothing credit money, *toute de suite*.

During the "World Serious" the "Q" office looked more like a bookie joint with that sharp clothing credit accountant Fred Wright running as many as five pools at once. We think, but cannot prove, that the pools were crooked because Fred won twice.

We think that it is time we stopped complaining and gave some useful information.

For the benefit of all those little monsters (pardon, we mean dear recruits) who contemplate going AWOL, DON'T because as of 1 Oct 54 you do not receive clothing credit allowances — that is \$10.00 per month, for the time spent on the loose.

THE REGIMENTAL BAND

When the last issue of the journal was going to press, the Band was busy preparing for a Grand Concert in aid of the Garrison Church Choir, to be held in the auditorium of Currie School. This concert was given on 7 April, with the help of artists from the various church choirs in Calgary. A large crowd attended and the offerings of the band and artists were well received.

During the week of 10 May we turned out with the various units in the Garrison for the GOC's inspections. Another ceremony we enjoyed very much was the Queen's Birthday Parade carried out by the 1st battalion Queens Own Rifles of Canada on 24 May. The band was also in attendance at the Queen's Mess Dinner in the evening.

During the periods 7 June to 11 June and 21 June to 25 June the band played a series of open air concerts in Edmonton. These concerts proved to be very popular with the public and we received good notices in the local papers.

On 16 July we packed bag and baggage for Victoria to start training for the ceremony of the opening of the British Empire Games. We were stationed with the Navy at HMCS NADEN, along with the Naden band, the RCAF band from Edmonton, and the band of the RCCS from Kingston. We thus embarked on a two week session of hard work and a lot of laughs at the same time. The hard work was in preparation for the intricate massed band display. The laughs were caused by the Army and Airforce Bandsmen trying to get used to the seemingly peculiar ways of Navy life. You can still hear some of them saying that they are "going ashore", "Looking for their cabin", and putting things "on the deck". Although inter-service relations took a severe strain at times it all ended well and we look back to our stay at the "Naden" with fond memories.

After the opening night of the Games, we were one of the two service bands who were on duty all through the Games. We were very fortunate to see all the exciting events, including the Canadian boat team beating the English, and the "Miracle Mile". After all the excitement and late hours we were ready for leave on our return home from Vancouver on 13 August.

On 17 September an interesting engagement was carried out for the service of the Archbishop of Canterbury in Edmonton. We were honoured to receive a letter from the Archbishop complimenting us upon our performance.

The big day, of course, was the "Trooping the Colour" ceremony held on 1 October. First battalion, this year, had the services of the Regimental band.

Congratulations are in order for: B/Sgt J Cruse upon the birth of a daughter, Janet and B/Sgt D. Russell upon his recent promotion. A new arrival was B/Sgt. G. Webb, late of the Household Cavalry.

Now we are busy preparing for another concert at Currie School to be held early in December, and getting equipment ready for a six month tour with our troops in NATO. Our next contribution will probably come from overseas and we'll let you know how things are "bandwise" in the next issue.



Photo by Cadman Studio

THE REGIMENTAL MUSEUM

This view of the main room was taken on 26 October 1954 prior to PPCLI Ladies' Auxiliary presentation of a desk pen and set of book ends, seen in the foreground, and the clothing forms seen in the middle distance. The detail shown gives some idea of the work which has been done.

NEWS OF PATRICIAS SERVING AWAY FROM THE REGIMENT

LETTERS

FROM MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY AT OTTAWA

Captain R A Ostiguy

Staff Captain, "D" Manning

"Many Patricias of all ranks are here and many friendships have been renewed."

Major W G Milne

"Regimental blazer and crest received from Tip Top Tailors not entirely satisfactory — could you carry a standard blazer badge at the home station?"

Editor's note: The matter of blazers and badges for officers, WOs and Senior NCOs and men is under review.

Lt Col E W Cutbill, DSO, ED

Directorate of Military Training

"In recent shuffle of regular officers wearing badges of militia units I was fortunate in being allocated to PPCLI, having served with the regiment in Italy."

Colonel J R Stone, DSO, MC

Army Provost Marshall

"Thanks for the congratulations — my regards to all at Calgary."

Lt Col G W L Nicholson

Deputy Director Historical Section

"I have recently been posted to PPCLI and would be grateful if you would supply me with details of regimental dress."

Lt Col J E Leach, MBE, CD

"PPCLI contingent in Ottawa grows apace, latest additions being Wilson, Milne and Bill Roach."

FROM EASTERN ONTARIO AREA

Major F N Pope, CD

"In case you have not heard the good news, I have been notified by AHQ that PPCLI will be my new regiment and, after all these years in the Seaforths it will be quite a change for me from a uniform point of view."

Norm Featherstone sends his regards.

FROM CANADIAN ARMY STAFF, U.S.A.

Major W S Edmundson, CD

Washington, DC

"I have recently resumed my old affiliation with the Regiment — please extend my best regards to one and all."

Lt Col J K Mahony, VC

Arlington, Virginia

"In the recent switch of RCIC officers to regular regiments, I have been fortunate enough to be assigned to the Patricias."

Major C J A Hamilton, MBE, CD

Washington, DC

"I have been advised that henceforth I will be affiliated with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry — would you be kind enough to send me the necessary items of dress."

FROM CAMP PETAWAWA

Corporal Masters, H B

HQ Eastern Ontario Area

"Many thanks for my copy of the Patrician which I received this morning. Very happy to hear from the home station and the battalions again."

BRIGADIER C B WARE, DSO, CD

The congratulations of the Regiment are due to Brigadier C B Ware, DSO, CD, on his recent promotion and our best wishes go with him on his new appointment to CMMFE.

MAJOR A V ROBBINS, CD

The best wishes of the Regiment to Major A V Robbins, CD, and his family on their departure from the home station. Major Robbins will attend the Indian Staff College and his address for period 1 Oct 54 to 1 Aug 55 will be:

Defence Services Staff College
Wellington, NILGIRIS
SOUTH INDIA

MAJOR H W MULHERIN, GM

The Regiment announces with deep regret the tragic death in a fishing accident of the parents of Major H W Mulherin, GM. All ranks who served in the Regiment during World War 2 will remember Major H W Mulherin, GM now serving with 3 Canadian Guards.

LT-COL N M GEMMELL, DSO

Regimental Commander 1 Oct 47 - 6 Oct 48, Lt-Col N M GEMMELL, DSO was a recent visitor to the home station. On completion of a tour of duty in the Far East, he is now Commander Camp Wainwright, Alberta.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS OF THE REGIMENT

The Regiment extends a warm welcome to all newly affiliated officers. In addition to the officers who have established contact by writing, the list also includes:

Major R M Curry, CD
Major A C Tate
Major D K Robertson
Captain M D Gardiner
Captain E W Thomas, MBE
Captain G M K Franks

LT COL W J SAUL, CD

The congratulations of the Regiment are due to Lt Col W J Saul, CD on his recent promotion and appointment as OC ground training wing at CJATC, Rivers, Manitoba.

LT COL R SCHJELDERUP, DSO, MC

The congratulations of the Regiment are due to Lt Col Schjelderup, DSO, MC on his recent promotion and appointment to command the ABCD School at Camp Borden, Ontario.

Members of the Regiment serving in Winnipeg send greetings to all Patricias at the home station and in Germany.

WO1 J W Macklin	I and A Cadre
WO2 D MacDonnell	I and A Cadre
WO2 J Falconer	Cadet Staff
S/Sgt R Wold	Cadet Staff
S/Sgt R Watt	I and A Cadre
Sgt A MacKenzie	General Duty

**The Canadian Military Truce Team
Indo China**

The Regiment extends best wishes to the following officers for a pleasant tour of duty in the Far East:

Major A J Baker, MBE, CD
Captain A V Stoppa, CD
Captain J W Taylor, CD

CANADIAN ARMY STAFF COLLEGE

Congratulations are due to Regimental officers who will graduate in 1954:

Major C E C MacNeill, MBE, ED
Major R Schjelderup, DSO, MC
Major N P E Fox
Major J Harris, MC, CD
Captain O R Browne
Captain L W Basham
Captain W Remple

**THE REGIMENT EXTENDS
VERY BEST WISHES TO**

REGIMENTAL OFFICERS REALLOCATED:

Jt W J M Beeman	to Cdn Gds
Lt G E A Botting	to Cdn Gds
Lt J L G Entwistle	to Cdn Gds
Lt A Pfafsky	to Cdn Gds
Lt L W Swift, CD	to Cdn Gds
Lt D A Middleton, MC, MM, CD	to Cdn Gds
Lt S K Bricker	to QOR of C
Lt L E Cornett	to QOR of C
Lt G A Skelly	to RHC
Lt A W Watt	to RHC
Major N P E Fox	to RCR
Major J Harris	to RCR

PRINCESS PATRICIA'S CANADIAN LIGHT INFANTRY ASSOCIATION

The annual general meeting of the Association was held at Calgary on Sunday, 3 October 1954.

Brigadier W G Colquhoun, CBE, MC was re-elected as chairman for the coming year and his remarks are recorded here.

"During the year of their tenure of office your committee report the association in satisfactory financial condition.

The response from the branches has improved slightly and we hope in time it will be realized by our branches that not only our ex-service-men in the immediate vicinity but in the area should be known and contact kept.

One cannot live forever in the past and time dims the sincerity of solemn sworn promises made to comrades on newparting but this association of ours should continually, like the eagle, renew its youth as new members are taken on and the old guard fades into the background.

The benefits enjoyed by Patricia's at the front during three wars should not be forgotten and this should be handed on to the next generation of fighting troops by those whose fighting days are over.

We are glad to report that we have been able to render assistance to several of our old veterans, in each case with long service in the regiment, and to help them over bad times.

If this work is to continue we must get the younger veteran interested so that when next we go into action the whole resources of the regiment are behind our fighting troops.

We have been able to assist the service Battalions in a small way in getting our regimental history brought up to date and the assistance required from the various branches will be the subject of correspondence.

The regimental journal, The Patrician, should receive the unqualified support of our association. A great factor for keeping us in touch.

I would like to pay tribute to our Honourary Secretary and our Honourary Treasurer, who are the real workers in the Association for their grand work on our behalf and to thank Mr. Gibson for so ably auditing our accounts."

MR. S. LINLEY

On 8 July 1954 Mr. Sidney Linley paid a visit to the home station in Calgary. Mr. Linley is now 84 years old and resides at 1626 Ruby Road, Victoria, B.C. He came to Calgary to attend the Stampede. He is an old soldier who served as a gunner with the Royal Horse Artillery in South Africa and who enlisted in the Regiment in 1914 (regimental number 1719).

CAPTAIN J A MCGUIRE, MC

Jimmie McGuire, PO Box 4824, TUCSON 5, Arizona, USA, has shown a keen interest in the regimental journal and has provided an excellent photograph for the regimental museum which has been included in the 1914-18 album.

LT-COL H W NIVEN, DSO, MC

19 Huntley Gardens
Glasgow, W 2, Scotland

Who commanded the Regiment from 20 Jan 32 to 15 Feb 37 in reply to his invitation to attend 1 Battalion's "Trooping the Colour" at Calgary writes:

"My thoughts are ever with the Regiment as the happiest years of my life were spent with THE Regiment."

MISS JENNY MacGREGOR MORRIS

"Ray Stevens and Lou were here last week-end (16 September). L B Smith has passed on, also Major A E Christie (his son Charlie was with the Patricia's and killed in Italy May 23, 1944). My kind wishes and love to you all."

SERGEANT F G YOUNG

Regimental Number 196, and one of the old originals is now residing at 29 Greswell St., Fulham, London SW6, England. He would be happy to hear from his old comrades.



Photo by The Albertan

The Colonel in Chief meets 2 Battalion's mascot "Pinto" during her visit to Fort Macleod, Germany in October 1954. Pte Rockwell is in charge of the battalion mascot.

SERGEANT (BAND) J B KNIGHT

"Drummy" Knight is now residing in England. Looking better than ever he visited us for the "Trooping" celebrations.

This was the first time he has been with the Regiment since retiring to pension more than twenty years ago.

Enjoying a holiday with his son in Edmonton, he would be happy to see any old comrades.

THE LOYAL EDMONTON REGIMENT (MILITIA)

The recent affiliation of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment (Militia) to Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry as a third battalion was most popular with all ranks of the Regiment.

The Loyal Edmonton Regiment, then known as the 49th Battalion, was brigaded with PPCLI during World War I (1915-1918) in 7 Canadian Infantry Brigade. Again in World War II (1939-

1945) the regiment fought together with PPCLI in 2 Canadian Infantry Brigade.

The Regiment therefore extends a warm welcome to all members of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, past and present, as new additions to the family.

A letter from the present commanding officer of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment, Lt Col R A Bradburn, ED reads as follows:

"I welcome this opportunity to comment briefly on the recent affiliation of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment with Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry.

Speaking for the current officers and men of the unit I can say that we are, without exception, extremely pleased with the affiliation between the two units.

When the affiliation was first announced, naturally there was some real concern by all members of our unit as to preservation of the fine record of the Regiment during the two Great Wars as well as the likely future of the regiment.

However after careful consideration of the facts involved it was soon very apparent that we had much to gain as a result of the affiliation.

I am most confident that the Loyal Edmonton Regiment and Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, now affiliated with each other, will work together each at their own particular task and with the thought in mind that if required to fight again some day — we both will be ready."

(Signed)

R. A. Bradburn, Lt. Col.,
Loyal Edmonton Regiment,
(3 Bn PPCLI)

EDITORS' NOTE — Subsequent issues of the journal will feature details of the activities of the Loyal Edmonton Regiment.

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